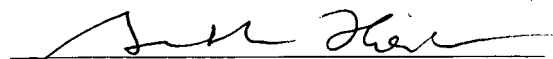




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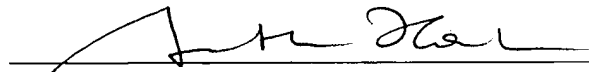
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 21, 2003, the response for which is due November 21, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse species A, corresponding to claims 1-15, 21, 27 and 28 for consideration on the merits. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants reserve- the right to reintroduce claims directed to the non-elected species.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention assignee's currently pending Application Serial No. 10/267,254, filed October 8, 2002 and submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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